Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Nationwide, students are responding enthusiastically to learning science through the themes of space science and aviation; and,

Whereas, Space Day involves students and other citizens celebrating the extraordinary achievements, benefits and opportunities created by the exploration and use of space; and,

Whereas, South Dakota-born Astronaut Mike Fossum has added to South Dakotans' interest and enthusiasm for space exploration through his part in the first ever Independence Day launch of the space shuttle Discovery; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Space Day event will proudly feature Astronaut Fossum and Astrophysicist Gull in South Dakota's premier event for students and educators to gain new ideas and to exchange information on space education and research, aviation, mathematics, science, engineering and technology education; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota will join NASA, the South Dakota Space Grant Consortium, the South Dakota Discovery Center and other organizations in celebrating Space Day by educating and communicating the excitement and importance of space exploration in our lives:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2006, as

SPACE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State